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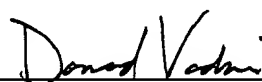
Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 to 9, 15 to 18, 43, 44, 57, and 59 to 63 are pending, with Claims 1, 8, 15, 43, 57 and 62 being independent. All claims were allowed. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 15, 16, 43, 44, 57, 60, and 62 have been amended.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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